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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1914.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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About Town Notes

Business is booming at the flag factory of the Collegeville Manufacturing Company. Twenty-two operators are now steadily at work.

Mr. Jacob Gaugler and son, of Linfield, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ingram on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Gristock and Miss Dorothy Gristock were in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Smull of Arcola visited friends in town last week.

Rhinehart Kuhn, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kuhn.

D. H. Hartman was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Regina Lange, of Philadelphia, was the week end guest of Miss Frieda Kuhn.

Mrs. Verna Godshall spent last week with relatives in Royersford.

Russel Bartman spent Saturday and Sunday at the guest of W. S. Diermer in Pottstown.

Miss Irene Strawinski, of Philadelphia, visited her father on Sunday.

Mrs. F. P. Walt and Miss Florence Walt spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Freitag, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristock.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bortz.

Mr. Fred Bachman, of Hazelton, spent the week end as the guest of Mr. August Ringleben.

Miss Ethel Wunderley and Miss Ruth Sheetz, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cassel.

Mrs. Robert Hutchinson and daughter, of Elizabeth, N. J., and Miss E. L. Cornish, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister.

Mr. Bossert and Miss Bossert, of Pughstown, visited Miss Lizzie Kratz on Sunday.

Grover C. Fitzgerald and Stewart Simpson, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Charles C. Fitzgerald, Sunday.

Regular meeting of Industrial Promoters League in Firemen's hall on Thursday evening, May 21.

Wm. H. Hill has placed a library of fiction in his drug store for the convenience and benefit of his patrons and the public generally.

Dancing and moving pictures at the Collegeville air dome on Saturday evening, May 30, 1914. Music by the Apollo orchestra of Norris-town.

The stand at Barrett's boat landing is now open.

Miss Margaret Yeagle, of Pottstown, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller.

Misses Brooks and Ada Fisher visited friends in town over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. David Culp, Jr. entertained friends over Sunday.

A surprise party was given to Mr. A. T. Allobach on last Thursday evening by a number of his friends.

The Sewing Circle was entertained on last Friday evening by Miss Place at Eagleville.

Mrs. Harry Charles and Mrs. Allebach, of Schwenksville, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bortz last week.

Mr. Leroy Roth, of Swarthmore, Mr. F. L. Moser of Spring City, Dr. and Mrs. Krusen, of Norris-town and Messrs. J. Brook Paiste and Horace Paiste were in town on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Dedaker entertained friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levensgood, of Norris-town, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Koons.

Mrs. Buckley and son, of Norris-town, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Baig on Sunday.

George F. Clamer has the contract to install hot water heat and plumbing in the residence of Dr. H. P. Reely at Schwenksville.

Miss Bertha Hamer, of Philadelphia, spent the week end as the guest of Miss Hill.

Miss Grace Saylor entertained the following over the week end: Misses Helen Williams and Helen Sharkey, of Vineland, N. J., Helen Sylvest, of Norris-town and Helen Stout, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Shuek and daughters, and Miss Ehrlich, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gerhart and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Gerhart, of Bristol were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Sauder, of Camden, visited Dr. and Mrs. William Corson on Sunday.

Mrs. Hobson entertained a number of friends from Pottstown on Monday afternoon and evening.

Miss Bessie Johnson, of Vineland, was the week end guest of Miss Helen Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutt, of Pottstown, spent Sunday with Horace Rimby and family.

Indigestion? Can't Eat. No Appetite?

A treatment of Electric Bitters increases your appetite, stops indigestion, you can eat everything. A real spring tonic for liver, kidney and stomach troubles.

Changes your whole system and you feel like a new man. Electric Bitters did more for Mr. T. P. Bechtel's stomach troubles than any other medicine he ever tried. Get a bottle to-day. 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by Wm. H. Hill, druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

The Death Roll

Elizabeth Kulp.

Elizabeth Kulp, widow of the late Isaac Kulp, of Philadelphia, died Saturday morning, aged 72 years. Two daughters survive. Undertaker Bechtel received the remains Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Services and interment at the Menomone meetinghouse and cemetery, Yerkess.

Joseph D. Ditterline.

Joseph D. Ditterline, in his 74th year, died Thursday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine P. Saylor of Lower Providence. Deceased, who was a veteran of the civil war, having been a member of Company I, 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers, leaves eight children—Charles, Thomas, Joe, Harry, William, and Mrs. Josephine Bauman, of Norris-town; Mrs. Sallie Trout, of Catawissa, and Mrs. Ida Saylor, of Lower Providence. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 1 p. m. Interment, private, in Norris City cemetery.

Mrs. Sallie Hartranft.

Mrs. Sallie Hartranft, aged 79 years, widow of General John P. Hartranft formerly Governor of Pennsylvania and a distinguished volunteer in the Civil War, died of pneumonia on Sunday at her late residence in Norris town, a short distance west of Norris-town. Three children survive—Samuel S. Hartranft, of Norris; Mrs. E. V. Stackham, of Maryland, and Miss Anna H. Hartranft, of Norris. The death of General Hartranft occurred on October 17, 1889. Funeral on Wednesday. Interment in Montgomery cemetery.

Carl S. Butts.

Carl Stuart Butts, 33 years old, who for the past four years has been superintendent of the Jewish Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Eagleville, died Sunday evening. Death was due to tuberculosis. He is survived by a widow. Four years ago Mr. Butts was a patient at the sanitarium when Dr. Smith resigned his position as superintendent. It was through Mr. Butts' efforts that many improvements were made at the sanitarium.

Mrs. Levi Freed.

Monday morning Ella, wife of Levi Freed, passed away at her home on Main street, Royersford, at the age of 69 years, 7 months and 8 days. Deceased had been a sufferer for several years with heart trouble and last week contracted grippe which caused her death. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Charles and Harry, both of Royersford. Interment will take place in Fernwood cemetery.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

The attention of the public is again called to the time of the drawing exhibition. On Friday afternoon, May 22, from 1.15 until 5 o'clock the drawings in water color, pencil and crayola will be displayed in the various rooms of the public school building. The work of all grades will be exhibited. Everyone is welcome to come and see what has been accomplished in this department of school work, since Miss Saylor's resignation and charge—that is during this last half of the school term.

The High School team was defeated on the home grounds by the Royersford High on Monday, Score 4-0. In a previous game with the same team our boys won 10-0. Arrangements for a third game are pending.

Dr. Isenberg, of West Chester, formerly principal of the Royersford schools, will deliver the address on commencement night, Tuesday, June 2. Full commencement particulars next week. The names of the graduates are: Earl Austerberry, Russell Bartman, Gilliam Clamer, John Gottschalk, Dorothy Gristock, Elizabeth Hausman, Mary Johnson, Mary Linderman, Wm. McAllister, Elizabeth Miller, Ruth Miller, Ethel Stauffer, Florence Watt, Vitalys Yorgy.

The High School Inspector visited the schools Tuesday afternoon.

Annual Reunion of the Glenwood Association.

The annual reunion of the Glenwood Association will be held in Collegeville on Thursday, May 28. The members will meet at 9 a. m. in the Masonic temple. The luncheon will be served at Stenger's hotel, nearly opposite the temple, at 12.30 p. m. All former students of Pennsylvania Female College are earnestly requested to be present.

Property Sold.

At the public sale of the real estate of the late Rev. O. P. Smith, deceased, in Collegeville, last Saturday, the part of a frame house on Fifth avenue was sold to John S. Levering, of Lower Providence, for \$750. The property fronting on Main street, near Fenton's store, was not sold.

Coughed For Three Years.

"I am a lover of your goodness to humanity and science. Your medicine, Dr. King's New Life Pills, cured my cough of three years standing." says Jennie Fiem of New Dover, Ohio. Have you any annoying cough? Is it stubborn and won't yield to treatment? Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. It will do for you, no matter how stubborn or chronic a cough may be. It stops a cough and stops throat and lung trouble. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by William H. Hill, druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

Keep Bowel Movement Regular.

Dr. King's New Life Pills keep stomach, liver and kidneys in healthy condition. Rid the body of poisons and waste. Improve your complexion by flushing the liver and kidneys. "I got more relief from one box of Dr. King's New Life Pills than any medicine I ever tried," says C. E. Hatfield, of Chicago, Ill. 50c. Recommended by William H. Hill, druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

URSINUS COLLEGE NOTES.

On Friday afternoon in one of the best contested games of the year, the 'Varsity battled with Gettysburg for seventeen innings, and when the umpire called the game at 6.35 the score was 1-1. Johnson did great work for Ursinus, striking out twenty-eight men and keeping the hits well scattered. Plank and Combes, of the great Athletics, witnessed the game from the sidelines.

On Saturday the 'Varsity team defeated the Swarthmore nine. Score: 5-4.

Swarthmore defeated Ursinus in the tennis match here on Saturday. Our boys were outclassed and fell before the snap and consistent playing of the visitors. L. Yost was the only Ursinus man to win two out of three singles.

The Ursinus Reserves lost their second game of the season on Saturday when the Tontine Academy defeated them by the score of 12 to 1. The consistent playing of the Villa Nova lads and the errors of the local boys were the causes of the defeat.

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Clifford Devereux and his company, supported by Miss Grace Fisher, who will present Shakespeare's comedies, "As You Like It" and "Twelfth Night," June 5th, on the campus of Ursinus College, will give the performance in an open air theatre, the stage being designed somewhat after the Greek. The lighting will be arranged by throwing floods of light from electric spot lamps upon the stage from different angles, giving a most soft beautiful effect. Beside Mr. Devereux and Miss Fisher, the most important members of the cast are: Mr. Leslie Palmer, Mr. P. J. Kelley, Mr. Edwin Wolfe, Mr. George Smithfield, Mr. James Hagon, Mr. Alan Crossland, Mr. Reynolds Evans and Miss Mary Holton. Holders of lecture course tickets will be admitted to either one of these two performances. Announcement regarding reserved seats and the date when reservations can be made will be announced later.

The Freshman class entertained the Juniors on Saturday evening in Freeland reception hall. The evening was spent in enjoying a program, participating in games and indulging in refreshments. Professor and Mrs. Crow and Miss Davenport were the chaperons.

UNGRATEFUL BOARDERS AT THE COUNTY HOME.

The ungrateful boarders at the County Home, who enjoy its food and warmth during the blasts of winter and promptly leave when springtime comes to avoid a little hard work are to get their desserts after while—a new law is passed changing the methods of granting county boarders admission to the County Home. Under existing law a person going before a two magistrates in the county with a proper affidavit as to his indigence, the necessary permit for admission is issued and the same must be duly recognized by the Stewart at the County Home, no matter what may be known of the new-comer by the official. The change proposed is to have these papers of the magistrates first passed upon by at least one of the Poor Directors of the district from which the applicant hails and finally endorsed by the Stewart before the application becomes operative. By this method known ungratefals would not be admitted to the Home.

All Day Social Gathering.

Mrs. M. L. Boorem, of Collegeville, entertained about thirty friends from all day social last Saturday at an all day social gathering. A sumptuous luncheon was served at the noon hour, and a most delightful day was spent by all who were present.

Mrs. Boorem while residing in Chester county was a prominent worker for the benefit of Phoenixville Hospital and other charitable institutions, and her guests on Saturday were members of the Uchelman Auxiliary to the hospital.

Sentinel and Mrs. Gyger, of Kimberton, were also Mrs. Boorem's guests on Saturday.

New County Job.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners on Friday a new county job was established, and Montgomery county now has an Inspector of Roads and Bridges at a cost of \$120 per month with \$20 added to cover a part of the cost of conveying the Inspector to different sections of the county. Commissioner Saylor opposed the creation of the new office, which was authorized by Commissioners Krewson and Bready.

Injured by Circular Saw.

Wilson H. Christman, of Willow street, Norris-town, a carpenter employed at the plant of the Greater Boley Company, sustained a severe wound, Monday morning, while working on a circular saw. The rapidly moving cutter gashed into Christman's hand between the fingers severing an artery.

Prisoner Asks Parole.

Edwin Tate, who is serving an eighteen months' term in the county jail, Monday morning filed a petition with the Court asking for a parole. Physicians and the warden, along with tuberculosis. Tate and two others in December last pleaded guilty to the robbery of a post office in Lower Merion township. Tate had just completed a three-years' sentence in the Eastern Penitentiary on a similar charge.

Motorcycle and Automobile Collide

Dr. S. B. Horning and Two Motorcyclists Injured by Collision.

Friday evening Dr. S. B. Horning's automobile and a tandem cycle, operated by Howard Wagner of Spring City and Edgar Matthews of Royersford, collided on the Germantown pike, near Fairview Village. In consequence of the collision Dr. Horning was painfully cut about the face and sustained a number of bruises. Wagner suffered a fractured leg and Matthew's face was severely lacerated and he was otherwise injured. Dr. Horning, though suffering much pain, communicated with Charity Hospital and had the ambulance take the young men to the hospital for treatment. Horace Marky, of Philadelphia, who was in the direction of the car to the collision occurred, brought the doctor to his home in Collegeville, and Dr. W. Z. Anders, of Trappe, attended to his injuries. The gash in his face required a number of stitches. At this writing, Tuesday, the doctor is confined to his bed and unable to attend to his professional duties, though he expects to be up and about again in a few days. He was on his way home when the collision occurred. As the motorcycle approached his car, coming in opposite direction, he turned the car to the right. The motorcycle veered first to the right, then to the left and struck the doctor's automobile, which is now undergoing repairs in the shops of I. C. and M. C. Landes, of Yerkess. The tandemcycle was also much damaged.

ANNIVERSARY DAY AT RIVER-CREST.

Saturday, May 23, will be Anniversary Day at the County Branch of the Kensington Dispensary at Rivercrest—formerly the Cornish farm—near Phoenixville. Visitors welcome all day. Exercises, addresses and music at 2.30 p. m. Refreshments, including home-made cakes will be on sale. Donations of money or coal, groceries, clothing and shoes for children, table linen, towels, bedding for single beds, will be most thankfully received.

Commencement of Skipack Schools.

The 27th annual commencement exercises of the public schools of Skipack township were held Saturday afternoon in Lowens' Hall, Skipack. The graduates numbered thirteen and the exercises were well enjoyed by all of the large audience. The graduates were Ralph Johnson, Mary Mench, Vincent Bean, Mary Kulp, Harrison Ludwig, Katie Landis, Harold Dambly, Edna Ziegler, Erma Stout, Thomas Hoffman, Franklin Tyson, Susan Anders, Warren Anders.

Commencement Exercises of the Public Schools of Limerick.

The commencement exercises of the public schools of Limerick township will be held in St. James' church, Limerick Centre, on Saturday May 30, 1914. The graduates, according to rank in class, are: Frederick Baer, Dora Ziegler, Frank L. Schlichter, Willard Mogel, Florence B. Smith, Mary Fry, Harry B. Kastle, Nellie Hutt, Ernest Langner, Mabel M. Kellins, Miriam P. Yorgey, John Towers, Lewis Bryant, Mary C. Schott, John Scheiffel, Mildred Anderson, Hannah Ziegler.

County Sunday School Association.

The nineteenth annual convention of the Montgomery County Sabbath School Association will be held in the Reformed church of the Ascension, Norris-town, Thursday and Friday, May 28-29. The following are the officers: Rev. H. A. Welker, president, Royersford; Rev. Harvey St. Clair, Hathaway, 1st vice-president, Norris-town; Mr. George W. Quigley, 2nd vice-president, Willow Grove; Mr. A. K. Argue, corresponding secretary, Jenkintown; Rev. J. Elmer Saul, recording secretary, Norris-town; Rev. J. F. Sheppard, treasurer, Conshohocken.

Cornerstone of Odd Fellows' Temple Laid.

With appropriate ceremony the cornerstone of the Odd Fellows' Temple, Pottstown, was laid Saturday afternoon. Past Grand Patriarch F. C. E. Millhouse was the master of ceremonies. The stone was put in place by Grand Master Fred C. Hanyen, assisted by Deputy Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins, Norris-town; Grand Secretary, Usher A. Hall, Philadelphia; Acting Grand Chaplain Rev. B. M. Posten, Cedarville; Acting Grand Treasurer John Y. Swineheart, Acting Grand Conductor Lewis Faber, Acting Grand Marshall J. Luther Thomas. The oration was delivered by Grand Representative Wilson K. Mohr, of Allentown.

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UNITED STATES SENATOR.
Henry Budd, Democrat 2
A. Mitchell Palmer, Democrat 28
Gladys Pinchot, Washington 4
J. Benj. Dimmick, Republican 15
Boise Penrose, Republican 15

GOVERNOR.

Vance C. McCormick, Democrat 24
Michael J. Ryan, Democrat 28
M. G. Brumbaugh, Republican 28
Joseph Canfield, Republican 1
William E. Ritter, Republican 1
Charles N. Brumm, Washington 3
Wm. Draper Lewis, Washington 1

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

William T. Cressy, Democrat 24
John E. Jenkins, Democrat 5
Percy F. Smith, Washington 4
Frank A. McClellan, Republican 28
E. D. Powell, Republican 1

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

(Eighth District.)
Robt. E. Diferderfer, Democrat 20
Harry E. Grim, Democrat 10
Harold G. Knight, Washington 4
Ralph Strassburger, Republican 19
Henry W. Watson, Republican 12

SENATOR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

H. W. Bergey, Democrat 2
Edward Ingersoll, Democrat 18
William H. Kern, Democrat 28
Frank P. Croft, Republican 28
John Rex, Washington 4

REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(Third District.)
G. William Bailey, Democrat 29
Franklin K. Moyer, Washington 4
C. R. Addison, Republican 4
J. Landis, Republican 4
Robert T. Potts, Republican 4
J. Horace Ziegler, Republican 17

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JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

(Non-Partisan Ballot.)
George H. Bonner 6
Gustave A. Endlich 25
Robert S. Frazer 2
J. J. Kintner 2
George Kunkel 17
Harold L. Robinson 2
Emory C. Galt 3
William Wilhelm 3

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

(Non-Partisan Ballot.)
James E. Clark 14
Albert M. Fuller 1
Thomas J. Frazer 1
Frank M. Trexler 43

BOROUGH OF TRAPPE.

Following is the vote for candidates for some of the offices, which indicates the vote for the other candidates.
U. S. Senator—Henry Budd, d. 1; A. Mitchell Palmer, d. 19; Penrose, r. 19; Dimmick, r. 10.
Governor—Vance McCormick, d. 18; M. J. Ryan, d. 3; Brumbaugh, r. 23.
Lieutenant - Governor - W. T. Cressy, d. 19; Frank McClellan, r. 22.
Congress, Eighth District—R. E. Diferderfer, d. 18; Harry E. Grim, d. 8; H. W. Watson, r. 23; R. B. Strassburger, r. 5.
Senator - H. W. Bergey, d. 4; Ingersoll, d. 12; Kern, d. 5; Croft, r. 28.
Representative—General Assembly—3rd district—G. W. Bailey, d. 17; Josiah M. Landis, r. 9; J. Horace Ziegler, r. 17.

UPPER PROVIDENCE.

The vote in the four districts was light. Figures from all the districts could not be obtained before going to press: In Mont Clare Penrose received 20 votes for U. S. Senator; Dimmick 5. For Governor—Brumbaugh, r. 25; McCormick, d. 12. Congress, Eighth District—Diferderfer, d. 12; Watson, r. 10; Strassburger, r. 5.
State Senator—Croft, r. 25; Bergey, d. 2; Kern, d. 3; Ingersoll, d. 3; Grim, d. 2. State Senator—Bergey, d. 4; Kern, d. 4; Ingersoll, d. 3; Croft, r. 36. Representative, 3d district—Bailey, d. 10; Landis, r. 15; Ziegler, r. 10; Addison, r. 6; Potts, r. 4.

LOWER PROVIDENCE.

Only 15 per cent of the total number of voters in Lower Providence, participated in the election. Penrose received 23 votes; Dimmick 13; Palmer, d. 6; Budd, d. 5. Governor—Brumbaugh, r. 28

THE INDEPENDENT
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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.
E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.
Thursday, May 21, 1914.

The Commissioners of Montgomery county, with his Royalty Comptroller Jacobs assenting, and Commissioner Saylor dissenting, have evolved a new county office. The post is titled Inspector of Roads and Bridges, and Frank Raab of Moreland is the fortunate first man on the new job at \$1440 per year, plus \$20 per month for gasoline, and for automobile wear and tear. Commissioner Saylor protested against the innovation, upon the ground of "no necessity," but Commissioners Krewson and Bready counted two, and Commissioner Saylor one—a lone minority. Let's look at this new stunt in officialdom: In the various bridge building and repairing, and road building and repairing operations going on in the county from time to time, it has been the rule of the Commissioners to place an inspector to oversee, for the county, each operation. The overseers looked, or at least were supposed to look after the contractors and the Commissioners looked after the inspectors and contractors. Under the new order of things will the county Road and Bridge Inspector oversee the inspectors on the various and simultaneous operations and save our hard (?) worked Commissioners some time and worry? or is the work of a number of inspectors to be done in the future by one inspector, 'mobiling from one section of the county to the other? If so, who will watch the making of concrete, for instance, or a patch of roadmaking, in half a dozen different localities, while the Inspector is eyeing a single operation a dozen miles or more from either of the operations? And what will the Commissioners do now? Meet, issue orders, draw their salaries, discuss the weather, knock-kneed politics, and congressional aspirations? Oh, pshaw! The editor must get more specific information before passing final judgment. Even Darl appears to be somewhat mixed up over it!

It is claimed that the new Bureau of Weights and Measures is doing good work in detecting short weights and measures due to errors or dishonesty. 'Tis a pity that a portion of the human race is honest about as far as it is compelled to be honest by law, but such is the fact. Purchasers are entitled to what they pay for—in weight as well as in quality, and if it is necessary to invoke the law to enable them to get what is coming to them, so be it; and let the law be enforced.

A SUFFRAGE RECRUIT at 99 is a man worthy of much consideration. At an equal suffrage meeting at Towanda, Pa., Justus A. Record, past 99 years of age, stood up before several hundred men and women and in a vigorous speech seconded all that had been said in favor of equal suffrage by Miss Hall, of Philadelphia, and Attorney Young, of Towanda. "Nearly a century old, and with one foot in the grave, put me down in favor of equal suffrage," said the old man in concluding his speech. Of course he was applauded to the echo, and well deserved to be. His reasoning powers are still with him at 99.

The Department of Agriculture has now published the estimates of its correspondents and agents concerning last year's losses of live stock from disease and exposure. The figures are impressive. Hog cholera killed 119 per 1000 of the swine in the United States. The loss was \$73,000,000, representing meat enough to give every family in the country forty pounds. Losses of cattle were 19.8 per 1000 from disease, and 10.9 per 1000 from exposure, or 1,787,000 head, worth \$68,611,000. The loss from disease alone was a little more than \$44,000,000. There should be added \$8,581,000 for sheep killed by disease, and \$59,000,000 for farm horses and mules. The department remarks that the losses of meat animals, exceeding \$150,000,000, would have been more than enough to furnish a normal year's supply of meat to the entire population of New England. If we exclude the losses due to exposure, and add the losses of horses and mules, the reports show a loss of \$184,000,000 from disease last year. This may well engage the attention of sanitarians and medical experts. Ample provision for the support of their work should be made by legislation as well as by private funds. Mr. Rockefeller gave \$1,000,000 to his Institute for Medical Research, in Chicago, to be expended in a study of animal diseases.

The editor has at hand a circular letter issued by the burgesses of several boroughs, in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, which lampoons the Public Service Commission law. The law authorizing the Commission is denounced as pernicious, as having been passed in the interest of the public service companies, and asks the five million and more people living in the cities and boroughs of the State—"Do you realize that the legislature has delegated to four out of seven men the arbitrary power to determine what rates these millions of people shall pay for every public utility, and what contracts these cities and boroughs may enter into?" The Public Service Commission has authority to prohibit any city or borough from building, or extending, or leasing, its electric light plant, water plant, heating plant, or any other public utility, and the absolute right to fix the rate and amount you shall pay for water, gas, electric light, telephone, car fare, railroad fare, and all service rendered by a public utility company! All of which sounds arbitrary enough, sure enough, under the stars and stripes and the broad sweep of liberty under law! The Public Service Commission law appears in need of some practical public attention.

From the New York World: "Philander C. Knox was once Secretary of State. Elihu Root was once Secretary of State. Both are great lawyers, although Mr. Root is probably an abler lawyer than Mr. Knox. Mr. Knox does not agree with Mr. Root's interpretation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but thinks the United States has a clear right to maintain discriminating tolls at Panama in favor of coastwise ships. Mr. Choate, who was the American Ambassador to Great Britain when the treaty was negotiated, is strongly on the side of Mr. Root and strongly against the side of Mr. Knox. Mr. Taft, whose legal opinions are always entitled to respect, is disposed to agree with Mr. Knox, but admits that there is a case which ought to be decided by a Court of last resort. These four eminent lawyers are all Republicans and have dealt with the legal aspects of the controversy. None of them has dealt with another aspect of the case which involves the plain issue of privilege. Why should 100,000,000 persons in the United States be taxed to build a \$400,000,000 canal and then tax themselves further year after year to give special favors to a small body of shippers and vessel owners? The military advantages of the canal belong to the people as a whole. The commercial advantages belong to a small percentage of the people. What have they done to earn this free pass, this rebate, this subsidy, if you please? When the American people build a railroad in Alaska, every user will pay the same rates as every other user. Why should there be a different system at Panama? Are the American people so rich that they can afford to tax themselves year after year in order that a coastwise monopoly may have privileges that are denied even to our deep-sea shipping? If free tolls for the coastwise monopoly, why not free postage?"

The World gives expression to practically the same arguments advanced in the INDEPENDENT several weeks ago.

Farm and Garden
DEPTH TO PLANT CORN.

Seeds, For the Most Part, Are Planted Too Deep.
In the mind of the beginner, says the National Stockman and Farmer, and of the young farmer there is sometimes considerable doubt as to the depth corn should be planted. The same thing applies to wheat and to oats. As a general criticism the judgment and observation of experienced farmers affirm that seeds are for the most part placed too deep. Some farmers have done so, but I have never planted corn on any field in which it was wise to allow the planter frame to "float" (take its own depth). I have never planted corn so shallow that it proved any damage to the resulting stand of corn, yet many a time, especially in the first years, have we planted parts of the field so deep that they never came up at all if wet weather set in after early planting.

We have learned that it pays best to plant our corn just as shallow as we can and still cover all. Even if occasional hills be left uncovered I believe that it is much better to follow up with a hoe and cover the occasional hill by hand than to set the planter unnecessarily deep just to catch the firm spots of ground. The man who has done much corn planting on fields in which the soil varies in texture will have learned to keep constant watch and change his governing lever. If the planter moves from one kind of ground to another more firm or less firm. In a field of this kind it is out of the question to set the planter for a definite depth and maintain it from end to end of a row, and row after row, and at the same time do an accurate job of placing the corn at the right depth.

It is impossible to forecast the weather; therefore trying to plant in anticipation of wet or dry weather is out of the question as well. The best way to do is to anticipate a wet spell and plant the corn shallow. We have had such corn lie in the ground for several days before receiving sufficient moisture to admit of germination, but this corn subsequently came up well and made a usual crop. But planting deep for fear of being left uncovered, for fear of dry weather, simply out of carelessness, etc., locates the corn so deep sometimes that in case of wet weather it rots badly before it can get sufficient air to make germination possible. Much complaint has often been made of corn rotting in wet spots, whereas it would have germinated well had it not been planted so deep. Better a great deal leave an occasional hill uncovered than to regulate the planter for such an unusual depth as to render germination of the other hundreds of hills quite doubtful.

The first thing to do is to have the planter working right; if it is out of order, if the marker is so loosely hung that constant watch has to be exercised for fear of losing it, etc., no man can give thorough attention to the necessary details of the machine and to shifting the lever to proper depths when necessary. The man who has given careful attention to those things seldom allows his planter to run too deep and almost never leaves a hill uncovered, and if he leaves one uncovered his attention to the job causes him to see it and cover it before passing on. The farmer who is learning to plant corn should take advice in the beginning that uniform depth of planting is under his control quite absolutely by means of careful attention to same every minute.

Especially in case of late springs it often becomes desirable to give the soil the last harrowing directly in front of the corn planter. Many times find it difficult to keep over the mark in driving the planter because of the confusing array of marks left by the harrow teeth. Consequently many farmers have resorted to the use of the plank harrow instead. We have found this desirable because in case of rain the surface gets much harder.

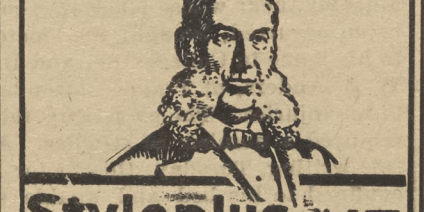
For leaving a fine, even surface ahead of the planter without firming the ground in an undesirable way we have found that an old steel bay net, dragged immediately after the harrow, fastened by means of wires two feet long to the harrow, does the work admirably.

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ORIGIN OF BANK CHECKS.
Dense London Fogs, It is Said, Forced Their Introduction.
It is claimed that the business world owes the idea of the bank check to nothing else than London's fogs. These fogs are sometimes of such a density that the pedestrian can see but a few feet ahead of him. Something over a hundred years ago, it is said, the attacks of thieves and highwaymen in the British capital upon bank messengers and tradesmen going through the streets to settle their bills became so frequent in times of heavy fog as seriously to interfere with the conduct of London's business. It was easy for the thief to ambush his victim, club him into insensibility, rob him and then disappear into the murky atmosphere, with little likelihood of apprehension or identification, or that passersby would witness the commission of the crime or be of any assistance in the chase. In these circumstances bankers, tradesmen and others set their wits to working, with the result that the bank check was devised for the payment of debts. Soon the highwaymen found that a few pieces of paper were all the booty they were likely to get from a "holdup" of even a wealthy tradesman. Accordingly the activities of the daylight robbers soon came to an end, but the convenience of the bank check proved so great that it survived not only in London, but was adopted throughout the civilized world.—Washington Star.

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Jack Rose And Violets

A Story of a College Commencement

By EDITH V. ROSS

Fred Caruthers and George Gay, two students, emerged from the laboratory of E. university, where they had been engaged in work pertaining to the course of analytical chemistry. It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon—the time for recreation—and they agreed that they would take a stroll. The spring had opened, the birds were singing in the trees, and the chums trudged along with all the light heartedness of youth.

Some six or seven miles from E. university was a women's college. When the students of E. took walks they naturally bent their steps in the direction of the women's college, and Messrs. Caruthers and Gay did so on this occasion. They were crossing an open field not far from the college grounds when Caruthers, casting his eyes upward, after peering into the sky for awhile, remarked:

"What's that?"

Gay also looked up and said he thought it was a bird. Then Caruthers pronounced it to be a balloon.

"It will come down pretty soon," said Caruthers. "Let's follow it. Ten to one it has been sent up by some student of the women's college."

They ran for half a mile, at the end of which the balloon got caught in the branch of a tree, and Caruthers went up and brought it down. It was an ordinary tissue paper balloon, with cross wires at the bottom, to which had been affixed a sponge soaked in alcohol. The alcohol had burned out. To one of the cross wires dangled a card, on which was written in a feminine hand:

"Find me if you can."

"I told you so," said Caruthers. "Some girl who has gone to college for fun rather than study has sent it out for a lark."

"It's too bad that there should be two of us instead of one," said Gay.



FRED CONTINUED TO WARM THE PAPER.

"If either of us had found it he might have solved the riddle and had an adventure. You suggested what it might be. I'll forego my claim to it."

"Girls up to mischief always move in couples. Very likely there are half a dozen in this scheme."

The young men took the balloon back to college and the same evening met in Caruthers' room to investigate it. They first examined the card carefully. It gave the impression that it had been tampered with in some way, but they could not tell how. Its smoothness had disappeared.

"My opinion is, George," said Caruthers, "that about the only way a message could be concealed is by chemicals. They have a laboratory over there, and I should be surprised if the girl who wrote this is taking the laboratory course."

"In that case we'll have to wait till tomorrow, when we can get into the laboratory, where we can try various agents."

The next day at 4 o'clock, instead of going out for recreation, they began a series of experiments on the card. They finally found an agent that brought out letters of a dark violet hue.

So far, so good. Try some more.

They spent the time till the laboratory was closed in a vain attempt to get something more out of the card, but failed. The same evening they met again, and Caruthers suggested that the rest of the secret might be in the balloon itself.

"In that case," Gay replied, "we'll have to take it to the laboratory tomorrow and apply tests."

Caruthers took the balloon to a gas jet for examination. In order to get the best light on it he held it very near the jet, turning it so that the light would shine on its different parts. Presently he noticed a brown line on the paper.

"What is it?"

Fred made no reply to this; he was too intent on what he was doing. George joined him and saw that he was holding the brown line up close to the jet. The line developed naturally into a letter, but into a word—"rose."

Fred continued to warm the paper and finally brought out the following:

Jack Rose and Violets.

"Well, now," he remarked, "perhaps we're going to get at the bottom of this puzzle. This is only a part."

He turned the paper and soon was rewarded with more of the message—Class day.

"Any more, do you think?" asked George.

"There isn't any need for more. It's plain enough as it is, and there's enough for us both."

"What do you mean?"

"That two girls will be somewhere about their college, either on the lawns or at some function or exercise indoors, on class day. One will wear a Jack rose, the other violets. If we can't find them after all this information we'll never deserve a sheepskin."

"Good for you. But what do you suppose this message was written with?"

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"I've a remon in my closet left over from my last punch. I'll try it."

He dipped a pen in some of the lemon juice, wrote a message with it on a bit of paper, held it to the gas jet and the letters turned brown.

"I have an idea," said George. "What do you say to writing a message on the balloon and sending it back?"

"It wouldn't do any good or any harm provided the message were invisible till brought out. I doubt if these girls have confided to others sending the balloon, and if it were picked up on the college grounds they would not be likely to get it. Besides, to send a return message would be giving away an advantage we possess over them."

If we meet them with their decorations on we can do so pretending not to be in the secret. In other words, they will give themselves away to us, but we won't give ourselves away to them."

"Bully boy! You've hit the nail on the head."

When class day at the women's college came on Messrs. Caruthers and Gay, who had learned what Fred had said, were admitted to find that they might attend a dance in the large hall used for such purposes. They had not been there long when they saw two girls enter together, the one wearing a Jack rose, the other a bunch of violets.

"By Jove," exclaimed Caruthers, "they are a pair of beauties!"

"Which would you choose?" asked Gay.

"The Jack rose."

"Very well; if we tackle them I'll freeze the violets."

It did not require much time for the young men to secure an introduction to the girls, and Fred was soon dancing with Jack Rose, while George was doing the same with Violets. Since the girls were chums the men did not have much difficulty in keeping the four together. They were eating a supper in company when Caruthers remarked:

"You young ladies being chums, I should think you would wear the same floral decorations."

The girls glanced at each other and smiled knowingly.

"Wherefore that smile?" George asked.

"Can't we smile at each other without any especial meaning?" asked Jack Rose.

"You can," said Fred, "but you don't. Come tell us the secret."

"What secret?" asked Violets.

"Why," replied Caruthers, "when I remarked that I should suppose your young ladies would wear the same kind of flowers you smiled mysteriously. All we ask is an explanation."

"I believe," said George, "that these flowers are a signal."

"What do you mean?" asked Violets.

"You have been flirting with some one by correspondence whom you don't know and who don't know you. You expect them here to night, and they are to know you by the flowers you wear."

This was getting pretty near home. The girls looked at each other, not smiling, but serious.

"What a funny idea!" said Jack Rose.

"Ridiculous!" chimed Violets.

"I'll tell you what we'll do," said Fred. "We'll bet you ten pounds of candy against a kiss from each of you that those flowers mean just what George has said, and we can prove it."

The girls looked very serious, indeed. "Will you permit us to consider your bet?" asked Jack Rose.

"All you like," replied the young men together.

The girls withdrew and after a long consultation returned. The possession of ten pounds of candy was a temptation to take a risk. The possibility that these young men had captured their balloon and deciphered their message did not occur to them. Even if it did, they had not picked up their bet. There was little probability of its secret having been interpreted.

"We have decided," said Jack Rose, "to take the bet, you to win in case you prove what you say."

No sooner had she spoken the word than Fred drew forth from his pocket the balloon, unfolded it and held up the message written in brown letters.

There was a commotion on the part of the girls, who blushed and laughed and looked grave all at the same time, while the young men smiled.

When and where the bet was paid does not pertain to this story.

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OAKS.

The Women's Guild of St. Paul's Memorial church will hold an ice cream and strawberry festival on the lawn in front of the chapel Wednesday evening, June 3rd. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy a good social time, like they do always do at these socials given at St. Paul's, and every one will be most royally welcomed.

On Sunday afternoon, May 24, the Sunday school will unite with the congregation of Saint Paul's in a flower service and hold the usual memorial services in the church yard at 3 p. m. This is a most fitting and beautiful tribute to the memories of the beloved dead, and is most worthy of emulation. It is the custom of St. Paul's here and congregation of St. Paul's here at Oaks of setting apart Sunday afternoon prior to Memorial Day, and there scatter flowers on the graves of loved ones. Could a more beautiful service be rendered? Everybody is most cordially invited to attend these services. "Crowns of roses fade, crowns of thorns endure," says Father Ryan. This service carries with it a thought we all should contemplate. It is a beautiful ceremony and nowhere but at St. Paul's is this ceremony adhered to year in and year out, that we know of, and if we are not correct we stand corrected.

John U. Francis, Sr., is on the sick list.

Earl Williams, son of Dave Williams who died in the Phoenixville hospital, was buried in the Saint Paul's cemetery, adjoining the church, Saturday afternoon. There was a good attendance at the funeral and there was a fine display of flowers. Friends and relatives from Norristown and Philadelphia were in attendance. Six Boy Scouts of which he was a member were pallbearers.

Miss Bertha Groome, of Phoenixville, was a visitor to Mrs. Harry Brown.

Alice Brown visited friends in Berwyn, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Oelschlaeger, Mr. and Mrs. Boogar and family visited Valley Forge park, Sunday in their new Overland. Didn't know them at first sight. So many automobiles, motorcycles, bikes and carriages as well as pedestrians keep a fellow busy to see everybody, and as we saw so many automobiles of about every make and style it suggested the passing of the horse and carriage as a means of conveyance on a pleasure trip.

The Apex Minstrel Troupe of Norristown will give an entertainment in the Fire hall this Saturday evening, May 23rd. Admission twenty-five cents.

You want to keep it before the people and directly under the rim of your hat that the young men's Bible class will hold an ice cream and strawberry festival on the public school grounds Saturday evening, June 18th.

The adult Bible class held a banquet in the basement of the Green Tree church Tuesday evening.

The Civic League held a meeting at the residence of J. U. Francis, Jr., last Tuesday evening and elected the following named officers for the year: John U. Francis, Jr., president; Thomas Lloyd, secretary and John U. Gotwals, treasurer. It is proposed to hold a picnic on the meadows of the Unstad farm, as Mr. Eavenson has extended an invitation to the league and all its friends to spend the Fourth of July there. Boat racing, tug racing, running races, baseball, etc.

A building boom has hit younger Oaks, which use to be Perkiomen. Mr. Dorman, draught of Phoenixville, will build a house on Brower avenue, and the K. G. E., Shannonville Castle No. 21, will build a hall on Montgomery avenue.

Henry and George Rider, of Canada, attended Earl Williams' funeral Saturday. They were half brothers to the deceased.

The roads are dry and dusty. Keyser and Son, feed and coal merchants of Oaks, are having the barn and grain buildings attached to the place painted.

It is claimed the Washington Memorial Arch in Valley Forge park is completed, the grounds around the place cleaned up and is now ready for dedication as well as just and unjust criticism of what it ought to have been and what ought not to have been.

DON'TS.

Don't use coal oil to start a slow fire.

Don't try to start any fire with coal oil. It is dangerous.

Don't polish a stove while it is hot.

Don't fill an oil or gasoline stove after dark. If you must fill them, never do so while lighted, as the flame might set fire to the vapor in the air and ignite the oil, causing an explosion.

Don't leave a lamp burning when away from home.

Don't leave a lamp turned down low, it is liable to cause an explosion.

Don't use swinging lamps near an open window.

Don't use any but safety matches.

Don't permit gasoline, benzine, or naphtha to be kept in the house.

Don't wash clothing in other articles in gasoline, benzine, or naphtha or in the house.

Don't throw gasoline, benzine, or naphtha in the sink or cesspools.

Don't throw water on flames caused by burning gasoline, benzine, naphtha, or coal oil, as it spreads the flames. Smother it with a rug, quilt or heavy clothing.

Don't clean beds with inflammable liquids.

Don't light a match when looking for leaking gas.

Don't put ashes in wooden boxes and barrels. Use metal cans.

Don't throw hot ashes against fences or buildings.

Don't fail to burn all rubbish.

Watch it, and be sure the fire is out before you leave it.

Don't burn rubbish near fences or buildings.

Don't permit rubbish, paper, or greasy rags to accumulate.—J. L. Baldwin, State Fire Marshall.

EVANSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Jesse Wanner, Jr., and family.

Jacob Thomas, of Ambler, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Carrie Bergey, of Norristown, was the guest of the Swartley sisters on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stroud Weber and Miss Emily Jeffries, of Norristown, were the Sunday guests of Dr. M. Y. Weber and family.

Mrs. Bingham spent the week end in Ocean City, N. J.

Rev. and Mrs. Steck were entertained Sunday at Frank Underoff's.

Mrs. Annie Kramer spent several days the past week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at Edward Gordon's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGee, of Roxborough, visited D. M. Casselberry, Sunday.

D. M. Casselberry is again able to walk about.

Mrs. Hannah Bean and her daughter, Mrs. Conrad Jones, of Conshohocken, called on D. M. Casselberry and family, Monday.

Jacob Buckwalter is building a stable for Mr. Wick.

Edward Gordon and May Plank, who have been on the sick list for the past two weeks, are both recovering.

Examinations of the Juniors and Seniors of our public schools will be held at the Trooper schoolhouse on Friday.

The Evansburg school has two seniors, Earl Wanner and William Hiltelbit.

The entertainment given in the M. E. church last Saturday evening was one of high order and musical and elocutionary in character. Mrs. Frank Gristock, of Collegeville, rendered five very pleasing recitations, and the Gotwals family, connected with Haws' avenue M. E. church, Norristown, furnished the vocal music.

EAGLEVILLE.

Rev. James Alcock resigned as pastor of the Lower Providence Baptist church to accept the pastorate of a Congregationalist church near Westport, Mass. Resignation is to take effect July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Burd and Mr. Louis Burd and daughter, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Burd on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Norristown, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke, several days of last week.

Golden Eagles in Conclave at Lancaster Last Week.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Castle of the Golden Eagles of Pennsylvania at Lancaster, last week, the financial secretary's report showed receipts of \$19,894.54 and expenditures, \$19,571.25. There are 382 castles in the state with a membership of 39,112, against 42,180 a year ago. The treasurer's report showed receipts of subordinate castles to be \$602,302.03, and the investments of these castles at the end of the year 1913 were \$1,233,284.33, a gain, during the year, of \$55,772.33. Grand Chief Bixler in his annual report recommended that a day be set aside during the year, to be known as the K. G. E. Home and Orphanage day, when every member be requested to contribute towards the order's home and orphanage.

THE EYES.

Sight is generally considered the most precious of the five senses, yet few people make an effort to take any special care of their eyes.

In order to keep the eyes healthy and clear it is necessary to keep them free from possible infection and to avoid straining them by overwork.

It is an almost universal habit to wipe the eyes with a pocket handkerchief. As a rule this is not absolutely clean. As a result of this numerous uses it contains germs which if introduced into the eye are likely to result in a more or less serious infection. When suffering from a cold one should be particularly careful.

Robbing the eyes with the unwashed hands or the use of a towel which others have used may also result in disease of the eyes. When the eyes feel hot and dry the outside of the lids should be bathed with cold water. Avoid the use of eye washes unless prescribed and administered under the direction of a physician.

To avoid straining the eyes when reading people of normal vision should hold the book fifteen to eighteen inches from the face and on a direct line with the eyes. Never hold a book low. The strain on the eyes is much greater when the book is held in the lap. Those who make a practice of reading when lying down should be careful to hold their book at the proper angle.

Always read by a good light, avoid a glare or any reflection from the printed page. If the light is poor you will hold the book too close to the eyes. Books printed in fine type should be avoided as they cause an unnecessary strain on the vision.

Defects of sight are often responsible for headaches and extreme nervousness. The people who wear glasses should have an occasional examination by an oculist to insure themselves against changes in the vision.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

BADLY DISAPPOINTED.

Little Mattie flew into the house one evening very late for nursery tea and hurried to her mother's chair. "Oh, mother," she cried, "don't scold me, I've had such a disappointment. A horse fell down in the street, and they said they were going to send for a horse doctor, so, of course, I had to stay, and after I waited and waited he came, and, oh, mother, what do you think, it was only a man!"—New York Globe.

NOT SAM'S FAULT.

Sam Snedeker, the commissary man, and held in the community to be a good churchman, annoyed the minister extremely by getting up and walking out of the church while the sermon was in progress. The preacher spoke to Sam about it.

"It isn't my fault, doc," Sam protested. "It's a sort of affliction I got."

The preacher told Sam he'd better see the camp doctor. A few days later the preacher met the doctor.

"Did Sam Snedeker come to you for advice?" asked the preacher.

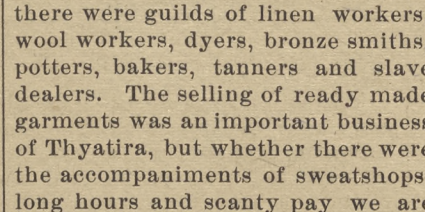
"Yes," said the doctor, "but I told Sam I couldn't do anything for him."

"What was Sam's affliction?"

"Affliction! He didn't say anything about that. Sam said he'd been troubling you by walking in his sleep."—New York Post.

ANCIENT UNIONS AND TRUSTS.

About the year 190 B. C. Thyatira came under the power of Rome, and, though in the days of the republic it suffered much from oppression and extortion, great commercial prosperity came to it with the inauguration of the empire. About the time that St. John wrote the Revelation it was at the height of its wealth and prosperity as a business city. It is known that there were more trade guilds in Thyatira than in any other city of Asia, for inscriptions tell us that there were guilds of linen workers, wool workers, dyers, bronze smiths, potters, bakers, tanners and slave dealers. The selling of ready made garments was an important business of Thyatira, but whether there were the accompaniments of sweatshops, long hours and scanty pay we are not told.—Christian Herald.



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St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 8:45 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Meeting of the Junior League at 3 p. m. Meeting of the Heidelberg League at 7 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. Paul's Memorial Parish (Episcopal). Oaks, Rev. Geo. W. Barnes, rector. Sunday services: In St. Paul's Church, Oaks, at 8 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.; Sunday School at 2:15 p. m. In the Chapel of Ebenezer Addition, at 10:45 a. m. A hearty welcome to every one at services at both churches.

St. Clare's Roman Catholic Church, Collegeville, Rev. Thomas J. Sullivan, rector. Mass every Sunday at 8 a. m. Mass at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Christian Doctrine classes after mass.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tyson and sons, Clarence and Earl, all of Royersford, and Mr. Daniel Schrack and son, Norman, and Misses Fannie, Lizzie and Sallie Bucher, all of Trappe, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tyson.

Mrs. George Ruth spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bean, of Worcester.

Mr. Ruth and children spent Sunday at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hartman and family, of Worcester, spent Sunday with Mrs. Joseph Robinson and son.

LOST—Gold watch and chain, between A. H. Jones near Black Rock and S. H. Young's near Oaks. Return to MARTHA W. FAMOUS, Oaks, Pa.

WANTED—Two girls wanted for house work; sisters or mother and daughter preferred. Good wages. IRA D. LATSHAM, Royersford, Pa.

WANTED—Live poultry at LEWISWOOD HALL, Collegeville, Pa.

HOUSE FOR RENT—House on Sixth Avenue, Collegeville,